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TAGS: KNNP UNSC AORC ETRD TRGY IR TI
SUBJECT: TAJIK RESPONSE TO DEMARCHE ON IRANIAN NON-COMPLIANCE WITH
UNSCR 1737

REF: STATE 23001, STATE 24344

CLASSIFIED BY: David Froman, Economic Officer, Pol/Econ, DOS.
REASON: 1.4 (b)

¶1. (C) PolOff delivered ref demarches regarding the Iranian
government's non-compliance with United Nations Security Council
Resolution (UNSCR) 1737 to Ismatullo Nasredinov, Chief of the
American Countries Branch, Tajik Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
Nasredinov replied that the Tajik government opposed Iran's
nuclear program, even for peaceful purposes. They believe that
Iran's abundant oil and gas supplies are sufficient to supply
Iran's energy needs. However, the Tajik government is not
willing to approach the Iranian government on this issue, due to
the solid economic relationship that currently exists between
the two countries. Nasredinov added that Iran and Tajikistan
have good relations in the spheres of culture, science and
energy, and any perceived pressure by the Tajik government could
threaten the positive nature of their bilateral cooperation.

¶2. (C) Nasredinov noted that Tajikistan was a small country
with many economic problems, and that they needed to attract
investment and economic aid from as many different countries as
possible. He remarked that if larger countries such as the
United States, Russia and China were not able to influence the
Iranian government, he doubted that a small country such as
Tajikistan would hold any weight.

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